

5. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of:

B<sup>1</sup> a) a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 85% identical to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or 3, or a complement thereof, wherein said nucleic acid molecule encodes a protein having bcap73 activity, or a complement thereof;

b) a nucleic acid molecule comprising a fragment of at least 107 nucleotides of a nucleic acid comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or 3, or a complement thereof;

c) a nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least about 55% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein said nucleic acid molecule encodes a protein having bcap73 activity, or a complement thereof; and

d) a nucleic acid molecule which encodes a fragment of a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein the fragment comprises at least 20 contiguous amino acid residues of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.